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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The "shutdown" of the federal government is having
3 a negative impact upon the United States economy between Wall
4 Street and the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 800,000 federal employees have been
6 sent home without pay, resulting in a daily economic daily loss
7 of \$300 million; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Leadership Council Southwestern
9 Illinois in Edwardsville, the direct economic loss to the Metro
10 East region is \$855,000 daily from the furloughing of 3,000
11 workers at Scott Air Force Base; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chicagoland area has an estimated 40,000
13 federal employees who have been furloughed during the
14 "shutdown"; and

15 WHEREAS, Examples of the effects of the federal "shutdown"
16 include the loss of the funding cushion in Cook County for the
17 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
18 Children, the closing of national parks, reductions in the
19 funding of Veterans' Affairs programs, such as disability
20 payments and the GI Bill, the loss of payments to the federal
21 work-study program and Perkins Loan Programs, the furloughing

1 of safety inspectors at the Federal Aviation Administration,
2 and the halting of most food and drug safety inspections by the
3 Food and Drug Administration; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is also seeing an impact
5 regarding the federal funds in its State budget, such as
6 furloughed employees at various State agencies, such as the
7 Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Illinois
8 Department of Human Services, human service programs being
9 funded with reserve payments only, and economic development and
10 business development grants being funded for a month, with the
11 future service funds being uncertain while the "shutdown"
12 exists; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we show our support for the addition, via amendment to the
16 United States Constitution or other measures, of a double
17 dissolution procedure that is similar to the process in the
18 Australian Constitution to resolve deadlocks where the
19 dissolution of both parliament chambers is called and a full
20 election is held; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Senate and the
22 United States House of Representatives to conclude the federal
23 "shutdown" for the people of this great nation.